

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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PROCUREMENT OF COMMUNICATION SETS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Air Force Headquarter procured communication sets with deficiencies and without following the laid down norms, from a foreign firm costing about Rs. 7 crore during 1998;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government had conducted any investigation in this regard;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (e) the action taken against those found responsible in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (f): The procurement was carried out in 1996 in accordance with the laid down norms. The communication sets procured did not meet certain parameters outlined in Operational Requirements. However, since these parameters were not significant for operating the sets waiver was granted in this regard. Detailed flight evaluation trials were conducted by IAF before induction of these sets. No investigation has been ordered/conducted by the Government.